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GENEVA FOR USDEL ILO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KUWAIT DELEGATION AT ILO CONFERENCE

1. MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND LABOR, SHEIKH SALEM SABAH AL-SALEM AL-SABAH, LEFT JUNE 1 AT HEAD OF DELEGATION OF 15 FOR ILO CONFERENCE. PRIOR TO LEAVING, SHEIKH SALEM, WHO JUST RECENTLY COMPLETED TOUR AS KUWAIT'S AMBASSADOR US, REMINDED CHARGE THAT HE HOPED TO HAVE SOME CONTACTS WITH USDEL AT CONFERENCE. SHEIKH SALEM HAD PREVIOUSLY IN SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF REQUESTED THAT US EXPLORE WAYS IN WHICH WE COULD WORK WITH KUWAIT'S INCREASINGLY ASSERTIVE LABOR UNIONS.

2. DELEGATION COMPOSED OF FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

SHEIKH SALEM SABAH AL-SALEM  
ABDULLA SAUD ABDULRAZZAK - ADVISOR  
ABDULLA GHALLOUM - MEMBER  
ABDULLA AL-FAUZAN - MEMBER  
AMINAH RASHED AL-HAMDAN - ADVISOR  
FAYSAL AL-DAOUD - ADVISOR  
ABD AL-HAMID BAQER  
LABOR REPRESENTATIVES

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'UWEIDAH MU'JIB AL-MANI' - MEMBER

ABDUL AZIZ ABDUL RAHMAN AL-DU'EIJ - ADVISOR  
BUSINESSMEN

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ABDUL RAZZAQ KHALED AL-ZAID - MEMBER  
ABDUL BAQI AL-NURI - ADVISOR  
AQEEL AHMAD AL-JASEM - ADVISOR  
DR. SALAH AL-ATIQUI - ADVISOR  
ABBAS ABDULLA MALEK - OBSERVER  
AHMAD ABDUL RAZZAQ SALEH - OBSERVER

3. LABOR REPRESENTATIVES ARE ON EXECUTIVE BOARD OF GENERAL FEDERATION OF KUWAIT WORKERS AND ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF BOARD OF PETROLEUM AND PETROCHEMICAL WORKERS FEDERATION. DU'EIJ IS SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR GENERAL FEDERATION AND PRESIDENT KUWAIT NATIONAL PETROLEUM CO. UNION, WHILE AL-MANI BOARD MEMBER. BOTH ARE BELIEVED TO BE FAIRLY FAR TO THE LEFT IN CONTEXT OF KUWAIT LABOR MOVEMENT. AL-MANI SPEAKS ENGLISH FAIRLY FLUENTLY; DU'EIJ ABILITY IN ENGLISH IS UNKNOWN.

4. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: SHEIKH SALEM IS THE AMIR'S SON; HE AMONG TOP CONTENDERS FOR POSITION OF CROWN PRINCE WHEN HIS FATHER DEPARTS. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT USDEL TAKE INITIATIVE IN ATTEMPTING MEET WITH SHEIKH SALEM.

5. PROBLEM, FRANKLY, IS THAT LABOR MEMBERS KUWAIT DEL TEND TO BE VERY STRONG SUPPORTERS ARAB POSITION INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR PLO. WE FEAR THAT INDISCRIMINATE MEETINGS BETWEEN US AND KUWAITI LABOR REPS COULD EXACERBATE MUTUALLY ANTAGONISTIC PERCEPTIONS. HOWEVER, BOTH FROM SHEIKH SALEM AND TO A MUCH LESSER EXTENT FROM CERTAIN UNION MEMBERS WE OR OTHERS RECENTLY HAVE HAD SEVERAL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN ARRANGING CONTACTS BETWEEN US AND KUWAITI UNION LEADERS.

6. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT USG MEMBERS USDEL DISCUSS GENERAL SUBJECT US-KUWAITI LABOR CONTACTS INFORMALLY WITH GOK MEMBERS KUWAIT DEL, PREFERABLY SHEIKH SALEM HIMSELF SINCE HIS SUB-ORDINATES MAY NOT BE FULLY AWARE OF HIS INITIATIVES WITH US. WILL HAVE TO LEAVE TO GENEVA'S DISCRETION WHETHER ANY BENEFICIAL UNION-TO-UNION CONTACTS CAN BE MADE AT ILO CONFERENCE. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ANY US-KUWAITI CONTACTS THAT DO CONFIDENTIAL

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